



NCC News

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A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church

Christmas Cantata and All-Church Christmas Party



This morning, the Chancel Choir will offer “*The Best Gift of All*,” at the 9 a.m. worship service. Directed by **Russell Ishida**, soloist **Cheryl Chock**, and rehearsal accompanist **Lori Takeyama-Goshi**.

Following the service, there will be an All-Church Christmas Potluck Party on the Fellowship Lanai. Join us for some fun and good time!

Love to sing? The Chancel Choir has a place just for you! Rehearsals are Sundays at 10:30-11:30 a.m. If interested, see Russell Ishida or any choir member.

Christmas Services - Dec. 24 and 25

Join us as we come together for our annual

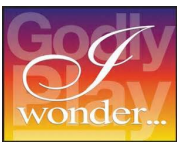
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7:00 p.m.

The service will include the reading of the Christmas story, the singing of carols, and special music offered by our Chancel Choir, *A Touch of Brass*, and Rachel Wong.



On **Christmas Day**, a service of readings and carols will take place at the usual worship hour of 9:00 a.m.

Advent Godly Play for Sunday School!



Come and learn about the mystery of Christmas during Advent. Children will gather in worship. After the Passing of the Peace, children will be dismissed to attend Godly Play in room 204. They will return to worship for communion.

2016 Contributions

Just a reminder....in order for contributions to be credited for the 2016 tax year, they must be either mailed to the church with a USPS postmark not later than December 31, 2016 or received by the church office before 4:00 p.m., December 30, 2016. Contributions received after that will be credited to 2017.

Turn in Give Aloha Receipts

We still have about 5 outstanding receipts. Remember, Foodland does not give us the names of donors. If you would like credit for 2016, please turn in your Foodland receipt right away, so we may credit your giving statement. You may place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Mahalo for your support!



--Paula Yamamoto

2017 Stewardship Pledges - "Go and do the same." Luke 10:37



If you have not yet turned in your pledge card for 2017, please place it in the Sunday offering plate or mail it to the church office. If you need another one, please see an usher. Through the ministries at NCC, let us share our love with the world in gratitude for all that God has given us.

Congratulations! (Excerpt from Gov. Ige's Press Release)

"Gov. Ige (has) named **Ryker Wada** to be the deputy director of the Department of Human Resources Development. Wada currently serves as the Certificated Personnel Regional Officer for the Windward District of the Department of Education (DOE) where he is responsible for human resources and labor relations. Before joining the DOE, he served as the Managing Attorney for the Honolulu Office of the Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i. Wada earned a B.A. from the University of Washington and a J.D. from the University of California Hastings College of the Law. Wada's appointment is effective Jan. 3." Ryker is the husband of **Vanessa Ito**, father of **Zekie** and **Eli**, and son-in-law of **Steve and Ann Ito**.

It's a Boy!

Christmas came early for **Makaiwa (Tong) and Ho'omaika'iikahaku "Mai'kai" Kanui** as they welcomed their first born son.

Ho'omālamalamaikapouli Tainui Kahalehālauloa

Mahi'ai Kanui, nicknamed "**Kauila**," was born on November 10, 2016 at Hilo Hospital. Both mother and son are doing well.



Adult Study



The Wednesday evening lectionary class will take a short break and will resume on **January 4, 2017**. The Sunday "History of Christianity" class will resume on **January 8, 2017**. Both classes are led by Neal MacPherson.

Knitted Caps for Homebound and Care Facilities

Ayako Iwaoka and **June Nishimura** have knitted over 25 caps for residents at nursing facilities, care home, and homebound, in addition to caps knitted by **Katsuko Nomi**.

Notify any Nichigobu (Japanese speaking) members or supporters to request knitted caps. --Dorothy Kusumoto, tel. 230-7031

Outdoor Lanai Furniture Needed

The second floor lanai furniture has been used extensively after many long years and direly needs replacement. If anyone has any used ones that are still in good condition (or even new ones) and would like to donate it to the church, they will be put to good use and much appreciated. Please contact anyone on the Board of Trustees. Mahalo!

Floral Offering



Honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion with a floral offering! Reserve your Sunday on the Flower Chart found on the Fellowship Lanai or call the church office.